Eviction of tenants.

387 MR. A. NESAMONY (*Vilavancode S. I. U. C.*): Will the Honourable Minister for Labour be pleased to state;

(*a*) are the Government aware that tenants are forcibly ejected by landlords and proverthicars from their holdings and houses in the pakuthies of Atoor, Aruvikara and Ponmana in Kalkulam taluk;

(*b*) has any representation been made to Government on this behalf;

(*c*) has any request been made by groups of persons for the acquisition of their house sites by the Government for their benifit;

(*d*) has the Government taken any steps towards acquisition; and

(*e*) does the Government intend to introduce legislation to stop this kind of eviction?

HON'BLE MR. C. KESAVAN. Answer to part (a) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the above answer.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The matter is being enquired into.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (a)

MR. A. NESAMONY: Will the Government consider the possibility of some arrangement according to the Rent Control Order for the rural areas as well?

HON'BLE MR. C. KESAVAN: Yes, it would be considered.

Retirement.

388 MR. A. NESAMONY: Will the Honourable Minister for General Administration be pleased to state:

(*a*) when was the age of Government servants raised from 55 to 58;

(*b*) why was it so raised;

(*c*) why has it been now reduced to 55;

(*d*) was not the promotion of Government servants who are to retire on the completion of 55 years of age on 1-1-1124 barred for the last three years;

(*e*) does the Government contemplate paying any compensation to those (i) whose prospects of promotion were barred, and (ii) whose salaries and pension have been adversely affected; and

(*f*) does the Government propose to grant them the legitimate leave they are entitled to?

HON'BLE MR. A. THANU PILLAI. (*a*) In May 1945.

(b) To minimise the expenditure on account of pension charges and avoid the grant of extension of service in individual cases.

(*c*) To improve the efficiency of service.

(*d*) No.

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